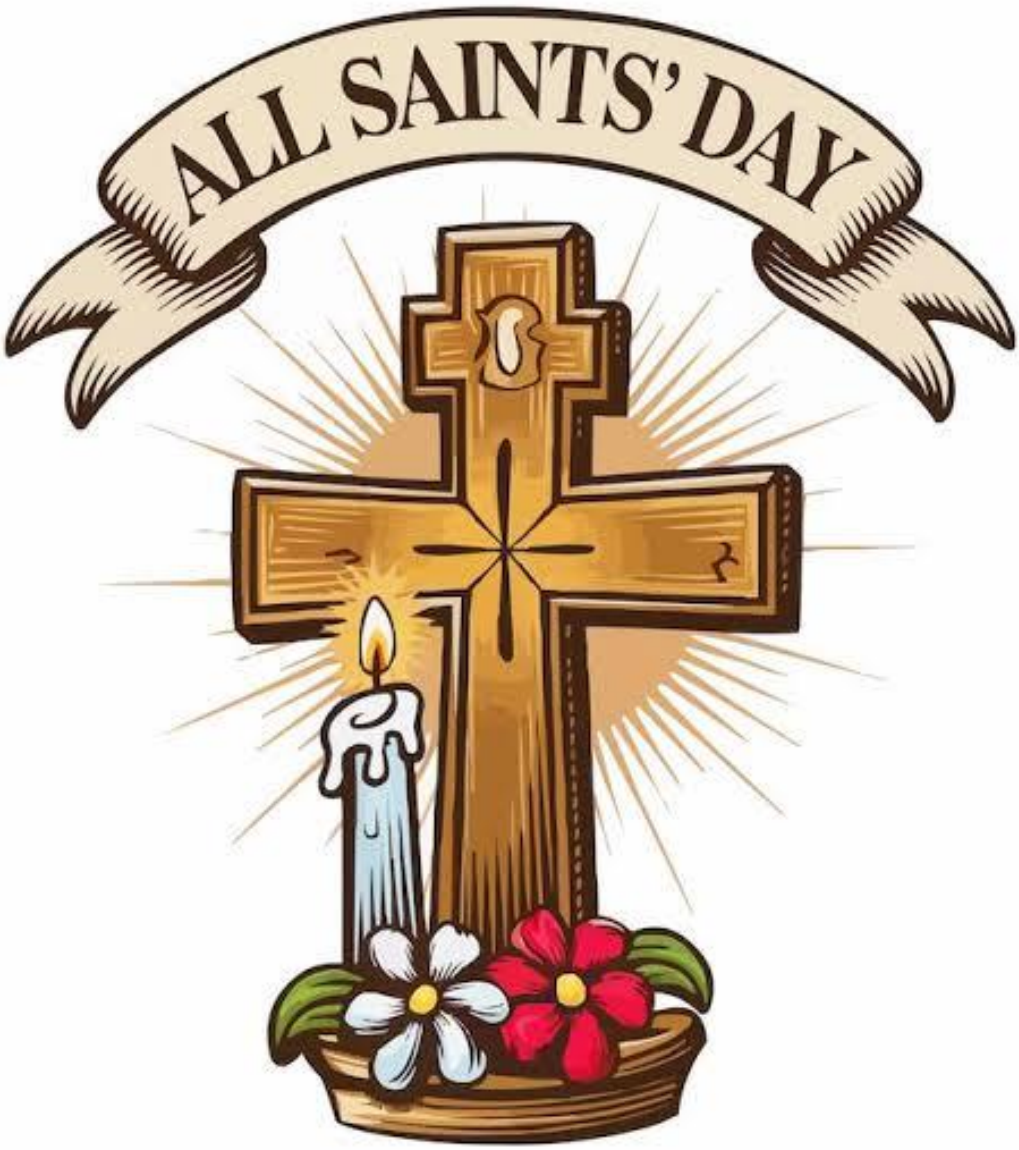
First Presbyterian Church
All Saints' Day
November 1, 2026



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Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list. Welcome! Today we welcome the Rev. Ian Clark to our pulpit and Clair Morgan on trumpet. Thank you!

Prelude" As the Deer" Martin Nystrom
Clair Morgan, trumpet

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

We have come to affirm our historic faith,
to worship the God of our mothers and fathers.
We have come to remember God's benefits to the living,
to respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.
Come; let us worship God.

Hymn 331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

Prayer of Confession—first in a time of silent confession and then together

God of grace, as we try to make sense of this world and our place within it,
we confess that we look for meaning in every direction except toward Your Son, Jesus Christ.
We chase identity in our work, our achievements, our distractions, our politics,
hoping these things will tell us who we are.
Yet we overlook the One who stands before us in perfect humanity,
bearing the weight of suffering and injustice, revealing what a faithful human life truly looks like.
Forgive us for turning away from the human one, the true image of Your intention for us.
Forgive us for seeking wholeness apart from the One who embodies it.
By Your Holy Spirit, reorient our hearts toward Christ's way of being in the world,
toward humility, compassion, courage, and love,
so that in Him we may learn again what it means to be fully human.
It is in the name of Christ that we do pray.
Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

God's Word to us is a word of forgiveness, a word of assurance, a word of grace. We are loved and accepted because we are we and God is God and nothing can finally separate us from our Creator, our Parent, our Sustainer.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!
And also with you.

Song of Praise "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" Hymn 453

Open your ears, O faithful people; open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood; God has come to you.
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!
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*Bibles can be found in the back of the pew in front of you. Words in **bold** print are spoken aloud or sung in unison.*

Time with the Children – The Rev. Ian Clark

Hymn 452 "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Stewardship Reflection

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Robert Roesch

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, PCUSA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 8: 3-5

New Testament Lesson John 19: 1-5

Sermon "Here Is the Human" The Rev. Ian Clark

The Sacrament of the Lord's Table

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements and Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Hymn 326 "For All the Saints"

Benediction

Postlude "Minuet Finale" G. F. Handel

<u>Please join us in the Courtyard lobby after worship for a snack and fellowship!</u>

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

Prayers of the People

David Stuart, Mary's brother
Lane Pittman
Peggy Norfleet
Monica Manley
Joseph Cain, Ann's uncle
Gus and Clara Spanos
Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law
Bobbie Stegall
Rose Layman
Karen Hoy, Ann's mother
Evie Goodrich, Matt's uncle
Nancy Grant
Carrie Norfleet and family
Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday
Kathy Goodrich
Everest Goodrich
Pat Sparks
Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa
Mary Ann Taylor
Skip and Betsey Baker-Smith
Joan Plaatsman
Matthew Goodrich
Skip Parker
Kristin Finnerman

Church Staff

Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

SESSION

Norma Halterman (2026)
Cameron McCormick (2026)
Todd Taylor (2026)
Sue Fay (2027)
Mary Leming (2027)
Pat Sparks (2027)
Michael Broadhurst (2028)
Diane Griffin (2028)
Dan Swanson (2028)

TRUSTEES

Kim McCormick (2026)
Gail Pittman (2027)
Earl Griffin (2028)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Betsy Brown
4	Toby Pennell
9	Graham Fitzwater
15	Tanner Furman
19	Susan Fay
19	Corbin Taylor
23	Diane Turner
28	Connor McCormick